

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated on October 9, 2007.

Claims 1 and 11 are amended. Claims 1-5 and 7-17 are now pending in this application.

In the Specification

The specification has been amended to update the priority information. No new matter has been added.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-5, 7 and 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levine et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,748,274) in view of Samuelsson et al. (U.S. 7,050,857) and further in view of Conley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,418,340). Claims 8 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levine et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,748,274), Samuelsson et al. (U.S. 7,050,857) and Conley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,418,340) in view of Palmer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,830,150). The rejections are traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant generally reiterates the remarks made in response to the previous Office Action. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 11 herein, however, in a manner believed to more clearly recite the intended elements. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of those amendments. Applicant believes that the cited references neither disclose nor render obvious the elements recited by claims 1 and 11 as amended and that the pending claims patentably define over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (847) 432-7302 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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